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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER WIBL-P01-575 Art Unit Examiner Filing Date Application No. 1634 J. S. Sitton November 13, 2001 10/007781 Applicant(s): Stacey Bolk et al. Invention: ASSOCIATION OF THROMBOSPONDIN POLYMORPHISMS WITH VASCULAR DISEASE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED Highest Claims Number Number Remaining Previously **Extra Claims** After Rate Present Amendment Paid 0.00 0.00 х 40 Total Claims 18 0.00 0.00 Independent 0 Х 6 = Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) 770.00 Request for Continued Examination Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: Small Entity x Large Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. in the amount of \$ 18-1945 x Please charge Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. to cover the filing fee is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed to accompany the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being concurrently filed. A Notice of Appeal was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 10, 2004. Therefore, the deadline for filing a Brief on Appeal is July 10, 2004. However, since July 10, 2004 was a Saturday, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, a Brief on Appeal may be timely filed on Monday, July 12, 2004. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal, Applicants are filing an RCE.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.